

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The disclosed embodiments relate to a security module and a method of operating a security module. The method may comprise the acts of detecting a second security module, determining whether a key associated with the second security module is available to the first security module, and obtaining the key associated with the second security module if the key associated with the second security module is not available to the first security module. The security module may comprise a detector that is adapted to detect another security module and determine whether one of a plurality of keys is associated with the other security module, and a device that obtains at least one key associated with the other security module if the one of the plurality of keys is not associated with the other security module.